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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 7/21/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-9,11-24,26-31,38,44-49 renumbered as 1-35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The instant application discloses a method of achieving transmit diversity gain for frequency selective fading channels in a communication system. Prior art references show similar methods but fail to teach: **"deriving real channel coefficients from uplink channel coefficients for use in selecting the functions $g_1(k)$, $g_2(k)$ of the pre-equalizers"**, as in claims 1 and 6; **"the transmit processors do not add cyclic prefixes and one of the output signals from the it processors is delayed by ΔT_{TA} before the respective selected transmit beamforming weight is applied thereto"**, as in claim 8; **"wherein the physical channel $h(n;k)$ consists of two time-delayed rays, $h_1(n;k)$ and $h_2(n;k)$, with delay ΔT_{TA} the beamforming weights being chosen such that the delayed signal or its inverse fast Fourier transform (IFFT) only goes through one channel $h_1(n;k)$ between the base station multiple transmit antennae and the receive antenna, whilst the undelayed signal or its IFFT only goes through another channel $h_2(n;k)$ between the base station multiple transmit antennae and the receive antenna, thereby creating two different channels which can be space-time decoded to recover the transmitted signal"**, as in claim 11; **"wherein the physical channel $h(n;k)$ consists of two time-delayed clustered rays, $h_1(n;k)$ and $h_2(n;k)$, with delay Ψ , and maximum excess delay for the clusters $\Delta \Psi$ the transmit processors have a cyclic prefix length of $\Delta \Psi$ and one of the output signals from the transmit processors is delayed by Ψ before the respective**

selected transmit beamforming weight is applied thereto”, as in claim 15; “wherein the physical channel $h(n;k)$ consists of two time-delayed rays, $h_1(n;k)$ and $h_2(n;k)$ with delay ΔT further comprising a delay of ΔT interposed between one of the multiple access transmit processor outputs and a beamformer to delay the signal output from the it processor by ΔT before the respective selected transmit beamforming weight is applied transmit thereto, wherein the transmit processors do not add cyclic prefixes”, as in claim 24; “wherein the physical channel $h(n;k)$ consists of two time-delayed clustered rays, $h_1(n;k)$ and $h_2(n;k)$, with delay Ψ and maximum excess delay for the clusters $\Delta \Psi$, further comprising a delay of Ψ interposed between one of the multiple access transmit processor outputs and a beamformer to delay the signal output from the transmit processor by Ψ before the respective selected transmit beamforming weight is applied thereto, the transmit processors having a cyclic prefix length of $\Delta \Psi$ ”, as in claim 26; “a first processor to determine a power-delay-DOA profile estimate for channel $h(n;k)$; and based on the profile, determine: the length, $\Delta \Psi$, of the cyclic prefix to be added by the transmit processors; the delay Ψ ; diversity order and modulation scheme; and the transmit beamforming weights”, as in claim 27; “wherein the physical channel $h(k)$ consists of two time-delayed rays delay ΔT the beamforming weights are chosen such that the delayed signal only goes through one ray $h_1(k)$ between the base station multiple transmit antennae and the receive antenna, whilst the undelayed signal only goes through another ray $h_2(k)$ between the base station multiple transmit

antennae and the receive antenna", as in claim 31 and 38; "wherein delay of DELTA..taU is interposed between the space-time encoder and one of the beam formers such that the major components of the transmitted signals are received at least a single receive antenna at the same time", as in claim 44.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cicely Ware whose telephone number is 571-272-3047. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday, 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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